



# FIRST THINGS FIRST

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## Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council

### Meeting Minutes

#### Call to Order

The regular meeting of the First Things First Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council was held on Wednesday, July 13, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., at Northland Pioneer College, 1611 South Main Street, Snowflake, Arizona 85937.

Chair Barela called the meeting to order at approximately 3:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

#### Members Present:

Tom Barela, Michael Downs (on phone initially), Claude Endfield, Kalman Mannis, Leslie Meyer, Jeffrey Northup and Margie Tapia, Cathy Taylor (on phone)

Members Absent: Sheila Chairez

#### Others Present:

Lynnda Cahoon, Kate Dobler-Allen, Rhonda Etsitty, Pam Flake, Laurie Hext, Deborah Lewis, Michelle Pansulla, Denise Rominger, Abigail Stevens (on phone), Maureen Theobald, Virginia Turner and Mary Tyler

#### Member Reports and Updates

Member Tapia stated Head Start will resume on August 30, 2011 and KinderCamp will begin on July 18, 2011 in Round Valley.

#### Call to the Public

None

#### Disclosure of Conflicts

None

*Member Taylor lost phone coverage and was no longer in attendance.*

#### Discussion and Possible Adoption of May 11, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Meyer moved to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council, held on May 11, 2011, as presented. Member Endfield seconded; the motion passed.

#### Program update: Community-Based Early Literacy

Lynnda Cahoon, Navajo County Library District, gave an update on the Community-Based Early Literacy program funded through the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council.

#### Regional Director's Report

- a. Regional Director Dobler-Allen shared her monthly regional report. Member Tapia asked if Regional Director Dobler-Allen could give a presentation to Child Find in Springville; Member Tapia will contact Child Find to schedule this.

Regional Director Dobler-Allen informed the members of the First Things First float in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Show Low Parade and noted that the float was voted #1 in its category.

b. Regional Director Dobler-Allen stated that the Community Outreach Update would be delayed until later in the meeting when Community Outreach Coordinator Pansulla arrives.

c. Regional Director Dobler-Allen reviewed the monthly financial reports. The final carry-forward figures will be available in October.

*Member Downs, who had been present via phone, arrived at the meeting.*

#### **Discussion of Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Federal Grant Opportunity for States**

Chair Barela discussed the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge and stated that the United States Congress approved \$700 million for the next round of Race to the Top, which includes dedicated funds to encourage states to create or strengthen coordinated early care and education systems. General discussion followed.

#### **Presentation, Discussion and Approval of Supplemental Data Collection and Analysis for 2013 Needs and Assets Report**

Regional Director Dobler-Allen presented the Work-plan for Additional Services to Supplement the BASE Report and introduced Abigail Stevens from Applied Survey Research, who was present via the phone. Member Endfield moved to approve the Work-plan for Additional Services to Supplement the BASE Report for the Needs and Assets Report of 2012 (State Fiscal Year 2013). Member Tapia seconded; the motion passed.

#### **Discussion of Navajo/Apache Home Visiting Strategy Implementation**

Regional Director Dobler-Allen and Chair Barela reviewed the history of the Home Visiting strategy implementation with the region. After much discussion, Chair Barela directed Regional Director Dobler-Allen to explore any partners' potential new programs targeting newborns and their parents that may be implemented within the region in 2011 and to bring that information back to the Regional Council for the August 10, 2011 meeting. Chair Barela also directed Regional Director Dobler-Allen to identify a timeline for the release of a Request for Grant Application (RFGA) this fall so that funds could be available January 1, 2012. Regional Director Dobler-Allen will bring the timeline to the Regional Council at the August 10 meeting.

#### **Discussion and Possible Approval of Home Visiting Strategy Amendment for State Fiscal Year 2012**

This agenda item was tabled.

#### **Presentation, Discussion and Possible Approval of Navajo/Apache Community Awareness Line Item Budget for State Fiscal Year 2012**

Regional Director Dobler-Allen reviewed the Community Awareness budget. The members asked to make a minor correction so that the budget and the narrative budget align.

*Member Mannis left the meeting briefly.*

Member Downs moved to approve the Community Awareness line-item budget for State Fiscal Year 2012 as presented, with the minor correction stated. Vice Chair Meyer seconded; the motion passed.

#### **Nomination and Election of Chair and Vice Chair for the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council**

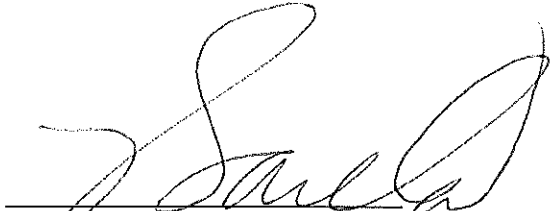
Vice Chair Meyer nominated Chair Barela to continue his role as Chair of the Regional Council. Member Tapia seconded; the motion passed. Member Downs nominated Vice Chair Meyer to continue her role as Vice Chair of the Regional Council. Member Tapia seconded; the motion passed.

#### **Community Outreach Presentation**

Community Outreach Coordinator Pansulla shared a PowerPoint presentation with the members, showing the float from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade in Show Low.

#### **Adjournment**

The next meeting of the Navajo/Apache Regional Partnership Council will be held on Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at the Apache County Health Department Annex Building, 309 South Mountain Avenue, Springerville, Arizona 85938. There being no further business, Chair Barela adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:26 p.m.



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Dr. Tom Barela, Chair



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Kate Dobler-Allen, Regional Director